

County in 1755, but is not shown on the tax roles of either Beaufort or Pitt County in the years 1762 and 1764.

The missing link is, therefore, the link between William Flanagan who appears on the BATH TOWN Plat 1717, and Edward Flanagan who died in 1759.

EDWARD WHERRY FLANAGAN(Sr)

The first appearance of the name Flanagan in Pitt County, North Carolina is the name Edward Flanagan. It will be established below that although his middle name is not shown in some of the Pitt County records, that his middle name was, in fact, "Wherry". He will be referred to hereinafter as Edward Wherry Flanagan.

Edward Wherry Flanagan first appears as purchasing a lot in Martinsborough, now Greenville, North Carolina, on 10/1/1772. (Pitt County was formed from the western portion of Beaufort County in 1760.)

It can be assumed that Edward Wherry Flanagan was at least 21 years old at the time of this purchase, otherwise the deed would probably refer to him as a minor. Therefore, his date of birth was 1751, or earlier.

This deed to the lot in Martinsborough is found in Deed Book F, p. 416, Pitt County Property Records, Pitt County Courthouse, Greenville, North Carolina. There is also a microfilm of the deed at the North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Edward Wherry Flanagan later purchased other property, and these records are found in Deed Book F, p. 386; Deed Book I, p. 161; and Land Grant Book 61, p. 190 (Land Grant Office, Raleigh, North Carolina).

Edward Wherry Flanagan served in the Continental Army and the Revolutionary War having been appointed February 13, 1776. Colonial Records of North Carolina, Saunders, Vol. X, p. 451.

The 1800 Federal Census does not show Edward Wherry Flanagan (Sr.) so it must be assumed that he died before 1800. The 1800 Census does show Elizabeth Flanagan as the head of a household that matches the household of Edward Wherry Flanagan (Sr.) in 1790. It seems probable, therefore, that the senior Edward Wherry Flanagan's wife was Elizabeth.

Edward Wherry Flanagan, Jr., a minor, died in 1805, or early 1806. Deed Book Q, p. 252 documents a division of lands of Edward Wherry Flanagan, Jr. as follows:

“ . . . set apart a certain tract of land between James
Flanekin & Edward Flanekin, Jr., decd., which tract of